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For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING DC-SIGN BLOCKERS AND METHODS OF USING DC- BLOCKERS FOR PREVENTING OR TREATING DISEASES OF A MAMMAL, INCLUDING VIRAL INFECTIONS Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450) Confirmation No.: 6288)))))
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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